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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY POSTURE TOWARDS NEW HONDURAN LEADERSHIP

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1. THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT NORMAL RELATIONS SHOULD  
NOW BE RESUMED BETWEEN EMBASSY AND GOH AVOIDING ONLY, AS  
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YOU HAVE RECOMMENDED, ACTIONS WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE  
POLITICALLY EMBRACING THE JUNTA. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL (A),  
DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT NO ACTION IS NECESSARY REGARDING  
RECOGNITION. EVEN WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT A CHANGE IN  
GOVERNMENT HAS OCCURRED (AS IN BOLIVIA), IT HAS BEEN  
OUR PRACTICE NOT TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION  
WHEN WE CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY. WE ARE

PREPARING NEW PRESS GUIDANCE ON AN IF ASKED BASIS, WHICH WILL STATE THAT WE ARE CONTINUING NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS- THE TEXT OF THE PRESS GUIDANCE WILL BE SENT SEPTEL.

2. DEPARTMENT ALSO CONCURS THAT, IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD STATE TO PRESS THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR YOU TO COMMENT ON THE RECENT CHANGES, BUT THAT THE USG IS INTERESTED IN THE GOH'S CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, PRESS

FREEDOM, THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE MEDIATION PROCESS WITH EL SALVADOR. YOU MAY ADD THAT THE USG NOTES THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL'S STATEMENT ON THESE MATTERS. THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THOSE PRINCIPLES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PLEDGE CAN ONLY HAVE A STRONG POSITIVE EFFECT ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. WE LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER TO SEEK A MEETING WITH GENERAL PAZ OR WAIT FOR HIM TO INITIATE THE CONTACT. WHEN THE MEETING TAKES PLACE, YOU SHOULD INFORM GENERAL PAZ THAT WE HAVE NOTED THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE CONFIRMING THE JUNTA'S COMMITMENT TO ELECTIONS, PRESS FREEDOM AND OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS, AND WERE PLEASED BY THIS COMMITMENT. OBVIOUSLY, THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS IN THIS AREA WILL INFLUENCE STRONGLY THE NATURE OF OUR RELATION-  
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SHIP. FYI. WE BELIEVE THE TACTIC OF REMINDING GENERAL PAZ OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL'S PLEDGE, RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO ELICIT A SPECIFIC PLEDGE OF WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PROMISED WILL SERVE THE PURPOSE OF REMINDING HIM WE EXPECT THE GOH TO ABIDE BY THAT COMMITMENT, WITHOUT RISKING PAZ'S ADVERSE REACTION. END FYI.

4. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE EMBASSY'S TIMELY AND COMPLETE REPORTING ON THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP. VANCE

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